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JCD vows to protect sovereignty

By DU Correspondent
Jaiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP, yesterday pledged that the activists of JCD would fight for protecting the sovereignty of the country to the last drop of their blood.

The pledge of JCD came from a rally held on the Dhaka University campus. The JCD earlier brought out a procession on the campus.

President of the JCD Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anney said that the present government of Sheikh Hasina was hatching conspiracy to sell out the country to India.

But as long as JCD and BNP exist no evil force would be able to sell out the country, he warned.

He alleged that the government had launched a project to destroy the opposition in the same way it had done during its rule of 1972-75.

But the activists of BNP and JCD could not be stopped through oppression, he said.

The rally was also addressed, among others, by JCD DU unit convener Nasir Uddin Asim and joint convener Selimuzzaman Selim.

Correction

The UNB has given correction in its news item published in The Daily Star yesterday on remarks by City Bank's MD Mohammad Tahiruddin.

The published report quoted Mohammad Tahiruddin as saying that "all the bank loan defaulters are willful ones..."

In fact, the correct version is: "not all the bank loan defaulters are willful ones..."



Justice Debesh Chandra Bhattacharya announced the names of the recipients of the Father of The Nation Award for 95, 96 & 97 in the city yesterday. — Star photo

AL urged to help restore original constitution

9 persons, organisations get Father Of The Nation Award

Nine persons and organisations have been named as the recipients of 'The Father of the Nation Award' for the year 1995, 1996 and 1997 for contribution in their respective fields, reports BSS.

Announcing the names at a press conference at a hotel here chairman of the three-member Juri Board of the Father of The Nation Award Justice Debesh Chandra Bhattacharya said each of the awardees will receive a crest and a cash of Taka 25 thousand.

The recipients are: Col Jamil (posthumously) in social service and leadership, Dainik Sangbad in media and journalism and Begum Sufia Kamal in education, literature and culture for the year 1995, RP Shah (posthumously) in social service and leadership, Obaidul Huq in journalism and Showkat Osman in education, literature and culture for the year 1996 and Mother Teresa (posthumously) in social service and leadership, Habibur Rahman Milton in journalism and Dr Neelima Ibrahim in education, literature and culture for the year 1997.

FM foundation has introduced The Father of the Nation Award, named after Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

Juri Board members, chairman of the Board of Management of BSS Dr AMS Arelin Siddique and former Managing Director and Chief Editor of

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hold his image.

He said that it was the responsibility of the ruling Awami League to help restore the constitution.

Earlier, speaking of the occasion founding chairman of FM Foundation Firuzur Rahman Olo said the Father of The Nation Award had been introduced to help promote service oriented and creative activities.

Rahman said FM Foundation would make efforts to upgrade the Father of the Nation Award to the standard of various national and international ones.

He also gave a brief resume of the background of the Father of The Nation Award and the activities of the FM Foundation.

Justice Bhattacharya paid rich tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman who had established Bangladesh.

He said an evil force, which had taken over power after the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, had distorted and destroyed the constitution of the country.

Justice Bhattacharya called for the restoration of the constitution to its original form incorporating four pillars democracy, socialism, secularism and Bengalee nationalism.

Three of the pillars of the original constitution, he said, were now absent in it.

Justice Bhattacharya said the constitution should be restored to its original form to establish Bangabandhu and up-

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Weather

Weather may remain dry

Weather is likely to remain mainly dry over the country with partly cloudy sky over Rajshahi, Sylhet and Dhaka divisions during the next 12 hours till 6 pm today, reports UNB.

The Met Office said no appreciable change is expected across the country. But weather may deteriorate in the next two days.

The country's highest temperature was recorded 33.2 degree Celsius at Sitakundo and the lowest 19.5 degrees at Rangpur yesterday.

The sun sets today at 5:28 pm and rises tomorrow at 5:59 am. Maximum and minimum temperatures and humidity recorded in some major cities and towns yesterday were:

City/Town	Temperature in Celsius		Humidity in percentage	
	Max	Min	Morning	Evening
Dhaka	32.3	21.4	68	75
Chittagong	32.7	23.2	78	71
Rajshahi	31.7	21.9	73	84
Khulna	32.3	22.1	75	84
Barisal	32.0	22.0	87	84
Sylhet	32.5	21.6	70	75
Cox's Bazar	32.6	23.0	69	75

Obituary

Eminent journalist and political organiser Rafiq Chowdhury died of cancer at a city hospital on Friday. He was 56, says a press release.

He was a working journalist of The Dainik Sangbad for a longtime and involved with different socio-political organisations. He was the founder president of Bickrampur Press Club.

He was buried on Saturday at his family graveyard at Bassail Bhog, Srinagar. He left 4 sons and daughter and a host of relatives to mourn his death.

Office bearers of SASAT, Bangladesh

An ad hoc committee of South Asian Society on Atherosclerosis and Thrombosis (SASAT), Bangladesh has been formed recently, says a press release.

The office-bearers of the committee are: Dr Samir Kanti Saha, convener, Dr Zafar A Latif, joint convener, Dr Salma Khan, organizing secretary and Dr Col Quazi Shafiquddin Ahmed, Dr Omar Akramur Rab, Dr Rezaul Farid Khan, Dr Sardar A Nayeem, Members.

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